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EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

WAKE FOREST, NC – July 10, 2006 – On July 3, [Wake County](#) transferred control of land disturbing activities in Wake Forest and its extraterritorial jurisdiction to the [Town of Wake Forest](#).

Wake Forest's [Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program](#) will assist developers, contractors, builders, and residents with erosion and sedimentation control plan review, grading permits, site inspection, offsite sediment violations and correction, and educational outreach.

The Town will utilize North Carolina's revised (2006) Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual for plan review reference for new plan submissions.

Sites permitted by Wake County will now be inspected by the Wake Forest [Engineering Department](#). Sites previously under review by the County must now proceed according to the Town's review and approval process.

Upon the Town's approval of a site plan, the Engineering Department will request a preconstruction meeting with the builder to discuss site specific measures. A site inspection will then be conducted to review the installation of the prescribed measures. Wake Forest will not allow any mass grading until the initial inspection has been conducted and a Certificate of Compliance has been issued.

Developers, contractors, builders, and residents are advised that the land disturbance threshold for a grading permit has changed from 1.0 acre to 0.50 acre. As a result, a grading plan and permit are required when a minimum of 0.50 acre of soil is disturbed. This includes all single family lots and other lots greater than 0.5 acre. Sites not in compliance will be cited in violation.

Additionally, the new grading permit fee is \$400 per acre which is rounded up to the nearest acre.

Any grading, landscaping, fill, or other activity that moves the earth is considered “disturbing.” For land disturbance less than 0.50 acre, minimum measures must be installed to control erosion and sediment from escaping the site. These requirements include silt fence on the low side of the lot and a 10-foot by 30-foot stone construction entrance. If these measures are not in place, Wake Forest will not allow the foundation to be poured and will suspend construction until the necessary corrections are made.

Farming, foresting or mining are the exceptions to permitting and are regulated by the [NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) - and not by the Town of Wake Forest.

Developers, contractors, builders, and residents are also reminded that no disturbing operations shall take place within 50’ (Zone 1 and 2) of a stream, river, or tributary without approval by the NC Department of Water Quality and US Army Corp of Engineers as required by the Neuse Buffer Rules. All sites must also be in compliance with US EPA’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Stormwater Permit which states that a rain gauge must be kept onsite and inspections by the contractor must be made and logged after every half inch of rainfall and once a week.

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